[Mr. G. Narayana Pillai.]

(*c*) the number of fresh hands appointed in such vacancies; and

(*d*) the number of those promoted from the District offices to fill the vacancies, if any?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Rs. 25 in the scale of Rs. 25-5/3-40 in the Commissioner's Office and Rs. 20 in the scale of Rs. 20-2/3-30 in the District Offices.

(*b*) 8.

(*c*) 3.

(*d*) 2.

N. B.—3 vacancies not filled on account of retrenchment.

Statement of Police Officers punished during the last ten years.

199 **MR. G. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to furnish a statement showing the number of police officers punished during the last ten years (1093-1102) for defaults detected by the various Commissioners at the time of their inspection of police stations?

MR. T. K. MAHDAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): No statistics are available from which the information can be gathered

Scarcity of water at Karumkulam, Chani and Paraniyam in the Neyyattinkara Taluk.

200. **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara*): (*a*) Are the Government aware of the hardships felt by the people of Karumkulam, Chani and Paraniyam in the Neyyattinkara taluk for want of water for drinking and bathing purposes, especially during summer?

(*b*) Will the Government also be pleased to call upon the Sanitary Commissioner to report on the matter and as to what action has been taken on a representation made to him by Mr. P. K. Massilamony, Director of all Travancore Nadars' Association, regarding the digging of a well at Chani?

(*c*) Will the Government be pleased to direct that immediate measures be adopted to alleviate the suffering of those people on this account?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The matter will be considered on receipt of the Sanitary Commissioner's report.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): With reference to the answer to part (*c*) may I know whether the report has been called for?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Yes, the report has been called for?

The Natural Cure Association.

201. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha cum Todupuzha*): (*a*) Are the Government aware that there is an Association in Travancore called the 'Natural Cure Association' and that that Association is conducting a magazine called 'Arogyam'?

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(*b*) Has that Association prayed for any support from Government in view to the popularising of that branch of cure?

(*c*) If so, what are the concessions granted by Government to the Association in accordance with their request?

(*d*) Are the Government aware that this method of treatment is becoming popular among the masses as it may be acceptable to them owing to its cheapness and risklessness?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) Government are not aware of the existence of an Association by name "Natural Cure Association". One Mr. K. Kumaran, Secretary of the Travancore Naturopathic Association, has applied for the registry of 100 acres of land in the Ranni pakuthi and the application is being considered by the Government.

(*d*) The answer is in the negative.

Representation of Catholics and Jacobites in the Public Service.

202. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): Are the Government aware that the Catholic and the Jacobite sections, who exceed all the other sections of the Christian community as regards population, are most inadequately represented in the public service?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The answer is in the negative.

Statement, by caste, of Taksildars.

203. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of the present Tahsildars of the State?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The member is referred to the Civil List.

Statement re assignment of Lands.

204. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the names of those to whom lands of fifteen acres or more in extent have been assigned during the last six years (1097-1102), as also the area assigned to and *taravila* paid by each of them?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Government consider that the time and labour involved in collecting the statistics will be out of proportion to their utility.

Quantity of tobacco imported through the Quilon Tobacco Bankshall and the revenue realised as customs duty.

205. **MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the quantity of tobacco imported through the Quilon Tobacco Bankshall during each of the years 1100, 1101, 1102 and the first half of 1103; and

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